

FACETS AND OPINIONS OF WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

CAN SOX PITCHERS TURN THE TRICK?

Fielder Jones Will Rely on White, Altrock, and Walsh to Win.

DIVISION OF RECEIPTS

Manner in Which Money Will Be Distributed Among Commission, Players, and Umpires.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—The struggle of the two Chicago clubs for the championship of the world in baseball will begin today. The Nationals are high favorites in the betting, and doubtless as much as 2 to 1 will be laid on them, and it is the expectation that they will land the series. Still, the White Sox will not lack for support.

The latter has a splendid array of pitchers and two of the best of catchers. White, Altrock, and Walsh will be expected to work havoc to the opposing forces. Pitcher Brown, of the Chicagoans, has not been in his usual shape lately and it is a question whether he will be able to go into the game in the best of condition, but Reulbach, Taylor, and Pfeister are a clever trio.

Sox Weak at Bat.

The White Sox rate as the weakest hitting aggregation in the American League, but no club makes more of its hits than do Jones' men. They will have to get the better of Catcher John Kling to maintain their reputation in this respect, and if they cannot it will be difficult to make the rounds of the bases many times.

It is the general opinion that it is the superiority of the Cubs in the batting department that will enable them to win with ease. Steinfeldt, the third baseman, is a slugger such as the American League aggregation cannot boast. Schulte is also a very big hitter and has a reputation in the same direction. Kling is rated as one of the best batting catchers in the country. Then there is Chance, who rates high as batsman, fielder, and base runner. Many will be surprised if the series will go more games than last season, when the New Yorks took four games out of five.

By winning the toss the Chicago Nationals secured the first game for their own grounds. This is a decided advantage. The club that takes the first game will have much in its favor.

The series will consist of four games in seven. As soon as one of the clubs has won four victories the series is over. The games will be played alternately on the National and American grounds. In the case of rain the same will be played on the ground on which the game was postponed owing to bad weather, so that there will not be two games in succession on the same ground.

Commission Gets 10 Per Cent.

The national commission, consisting of Garry Herrmann, H. C. Pulliam and Ban Johnson, John E. Bruce, secretary, will have charges of all matters in connection with the series, including the regulation of the prize money, the division of the receipts, the selection of the umpires, the rules affecting the conduct of the players—in fact, all matters that enter into the series. The commission reserves for itself for all expenses 10 per cent. This goes to pay the traveling expenses of the commission and the salaries of the umpires, the expenses and salaries of the umpires, James E. Johnstone and Frank O'Loughlin, each of whom will receive \$400 and expenses, the salaries and expenses of the official scorers, F. C. Richter, of Philadelphia, and A. J. Flanner, of St. Louis, each of whom receives \$200. The winning club will receive a pennant and each player will be paid \$500.

Of the 50 per cent of the receipts remaining, 60 per cent will be set aside for the players and 40 per cent for the winners will receive 75 per cent and the losers 25 per cent, while the remaining 10 per cent will be given to the club owners.

The players will not profit at all in any games beyond the first four played, and the commission will receive 10 per cent of this sum and the club owners 90 per cent. The reason for excluding the players from the prize money is that receipts are paid to the club owners after the first four games are played is said to be that there might be a suspicion of some collusion if the series went beyond four games. The players will win the series in four straight games if it is possible to do so. Each club will pay all its ground expenses and the traveling and hotel expenses of its own players.

Umpires Have Full Power.

The owners and players are under the authority of the umpires and the commission has power to end the series and give victory to the non-offending club. No player can be suspended under contract August 31, which prevents the introduction of new talent for the purpose of competing in such a series.

It is estimated that 25,000 people can be seated on the National League grounds and 2,000 on the American League grounds, and that some 5,000 standees can be jammed into the American grounds. The prices will be 50 cents for admission, \$1 and \$1.50 for grandstand seats, and \$2 for box seats.

With fair weather there seems to be no doubt at all that people who are turned away at each game. Chicago was never so baseball crazy. While that city has seen two American League pennants won, not a National League pennant has been landed since 1886. It is the first time that two pennants have been landed in the same city with two leagues operating in harmony. The only other time two pennants of major leagues were landed in the same city was in 1891, and then the Association team of Boston endeavored to arrange a series with the Boston Nationals, but failed to secure the consent of the other club.

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1889—New York defeated Brooklyn six out of nine games.
1890—Brooklyn and Louisville tied, three games each.
1891—Boston defeated Cleveland five straight games.
1894—New York defeated Baltimore four straight games.
1895—Cleveland beat Baltimore four out of five.
1896—Baltimore defeated Cleveland four straight.
1897—Baltimore defeated Boston four out of five games.
1903—Boston defeated Pittsburgh five out of eight games.
1905—New York beat Athletics four out of five games.

Struggle for Flag Will Be Close—Murphy

In my opinion the baseball games to be played in Chicago for the highest honor in organized professional baseball—the championship of the world—will be the most bitterly contested of any series of games ever played for that honor. The contesting clubs have battled valiantly for the past six months for the baseball honor and glory of the greatest city in the world, and they will strain every point to honorably triumph in these memorable contests. On account of the geographical location of Chicago a record-breaking attendance is promised. The West Side baseball park expects to accommodate no less than 20,000 people with comfortable seats, which is, according to official information, the greatest number of enthusiasts that has ever witnessed the national pastime within an inclosure. At this time no person can foretell the outcome of the series with any degree of certainty. I believe that the Chicago National League club will win, but Manager Chance and his men have a hard battle in store for them.

Charles D. Murphy
President Chicago National League Club.

NEW MINING CAMP BUTTS INTO GAME

Searchlight, Nev., Would Advertise Itself by Big Boxing Matches Between Champions.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 9.—Twelve thousand dollars has been subscribed by miners and business men of Searchlight, Nev., for a championship fight contest to be pulled off there on the day the first regular train is run over the railroad now building in that direction. The information was received in this city last night by the McCord Company, of Searchlight and Los Angeles, and came from Jack Linke, formerly manager of Jim Flynn. Linke went to Searchlight a week ago for the purpose of organizing a club to pull off the match. With him he took the promises of Jack O'Brien and Tommy Burns that if a suitable purse was hung up, both would fight for the match.

Only one day's canvassing was necessary to raise the purse up to \$12,000. More will be added to this and W. Reavis, who has charge of the local end of the deal, says a championship battle is assured.

Immediately upon receipt of the telegram from Linke, the McCord Company posted \$500 as a guarantee of good faith, the money to go to charity in the event of a championship battle does not take place. The men who are back of the game for the Searchlight people, are well known in the mining country. Among them are R. A. Thurman, Harry Clements, Charles Andrews, H. A. Parkins, Charles Orpin, and F. A. Dougherty.

As the Pacific Athletic Club of Los Angeles has already offered a purse of \$12,000 for a fight between Burns and O'Brien, there is doubt as to the signing of them.

In the event these two decide to accept the Los Angeles offer, it is proposed to send them to the city of Reno, Nev., and if this fails through, Abe Attell and Harry Baker, who are already matched for the featherweight championship, are proposed.

S.S.S. DRIVES OUT RHEUMATISM

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Facts About the World's Championship Games.

Contending Teams—Chicago Nationals and Chicago Americans.

Series Begins—Tuesday, October 9.

First Game—On West Side Grounds (National).

Other Games—Alternating between the West Side and South Side Grounds.

Total Number of Games—Best four in seven.

Number of Players Eligible—Nationals, 19; Americans, 21.

Games Conducted—By National commission, Harry Pulliam, Ban Johnson, and August Herrmann.

Umpires—Frank O'Loughlin and J. E. Johnstone, representing respectively American and National Leagues.

Estimated Receipts—\$75,000.

Players' Share—Sixty per cent gross of the first four games; 75 per cent of this amount to go to the winner and 25 per cent to the loser.

Time of Each Game—3:30 p. m., Washington time.

Price of Seats—Boxes, \$2; grandstand, \$1.50; general admission, \$1; seats in field, 50 cents.

Scorers—A. J. Flanner and Frank C. Rochter.

Betting—5 to 3 on the Nationals.

Nicknames—Nationals are called Cubs, Giant-Killers, and Spuds. Americans are called White Sox and Jones' Jays.

Those Who Are Eligible.

Cubs.	Sox.
Brown, Pitcher	White
Lundgren, Pitcher	Walsh
Reulbach, Pitcher	Altrock
Pfeister, Pitcher	Swan
Taylor, Pitcher	Patterson
Harper, Pitcher	Smith
Overall, Pitcher	Lease
Kling, Catcher	Sullivan
Moran, Catcher	McFarland
Walsh, Catcher	Hart, Towne
Chance, First base	Donohue
Ever, Second base	Lebel
Tinker, Shortstop	Davis
Steinfeldt, Third base	Tannehill
Shuckard, Left field	Dougherty
Slagle, Center field	Jones
Schulte, Right field	Hahn
Hofmann, Utility	Dundon
Gessler, Utility	Rohe, O'Neill

GEORGETOWN ELEVEN GETS NEW MATERIAL

Fullback Dutcher Returns, and Devine, Another Crack Back, In.

The prospects of the Georgetown eleven were greatly brightened yesterday by the appearance of nine new men. Most of these were from the law school, which opened last week.

Kerr, a new man from the South, was in the line-up for a few minutes and showed speed. His punting was a feature. Fitzgerald, of the Georgetown Prep team two years ago, was out for fullback, and, though light for the position is very fast. Stuart and Fitzgerald, who are both trying for fullback, also ran on the varsity crew as stroke and captain, respectively.

Many New Line Men.

Buckley, of last year's second team, was at guard. He is much heavier than he was last year. Raucher, from Rock-hill School, is a husky lad and should make good at one of the tackles. Glenn, from Holy Cross, was out for the first time yesterday, as was O'Gorman, the shot-putter and old guard on the Prep team. Both are heavy and aggressive.

But by far the most promising looking athlete appears to be Devine, the new fullback from the West. His weight about 150 pounds, is as fast as they come, and undoubtedly will have a place in the Georgetown back field before long. He and Dutcher will be the out-line. He may take the halfback's position from O'Boyle or McLaughlin, as Dutcher has first call for full on account of his good work last year. The appearance of Cogan, last year's guard, has already strengthened the center of the line. Yesterday Cogan was at center and Edwards at left guard.

Scrimmage Work Yesterday.

The practice yesterday consisted of a long scrimmage, the varsity hammering away at the tackles and guards of the second team for good gains. The varsity was fast on end runs and kicks. Afterward Captain Bockock put the team through a snappy signal practice. No ill effects from Saturday's game were apparent.

Tomorrow the varsity will play a practice game with St. Stephen's Institute of this city. This team is said to be composed of some crack players and some poor ones. Its line-up is expected to be practically the same as that of the Gun Factory eleven, which played Georgetown a few days ago. Some comparison of the relative strength of Georgetown and George Washington may be made after tomorrow's game. Coach Reilly will run in a number of substitutes and does not look for a heavy score.

Off-side play this year is more disastrous than ever. Syracuse lost eighty yards in the Yale game through the overanxiousness of her line men.

What League Leaders Have to Say:

President Johnson Pins His Faith to Sox.

It is my hope and belief that the White Sox will capture the world's championship from the Chicago Nationals. The American League representatives have great pitching strength, which ought to be a deciding factor in the series. The team all the season has been beautifully managed, and it won the pennant in the face of many accidents by dint of hard, earnest work. The championship race in the American League has been a particularly grueling fight, and it is of no little satisfaction to me that the pennant was decided in time to let the winning team get a few days' rest before the world's series. If the American League champions are in their fighting trim when the first game starts I will have nothing to fear on the result. The team is well fortified in twirlers, is and always has been a marvelous fielding aggregation, and I doubt not that they will hit the National League pitchers at least as hard as their own pitchers are batted. It ought to be a good hard struggle, but, harring accidents, I like the chances of the Sox better.

President American League.

Cubs Will Win, Says President Pulliam.

My confidence in the Cubs' ability to beat the White Sox is sublime. I don't expect any walkaway, though. Far from that; the series will be one of the hardest fought on record, it appears to me, but as for the winner, give me the Cubs every time. Every game ought to be a sizzler; the pitchers on both sides are so strong that close games may be expected. The conditions for the series couldn't be better. Each team will have its full share of sympathizers to cheer them on, and there practically will be no "visiting" team at all. If the weather is good I look for the series to prove itself the greatest in the history of baseball. The Cubs for mine always. One thing that I have always liked about both Chicago teams is the clean, sportsmanlike way they play the game. There is no element of thuggism about either team. The Cubs are certainly to be congratulated upon their record-breaking total of victories in the National League, and the White Sox deserve praise for the plucky race they ran. May the best team win.

President National League.

MAY BE FIGHT FILMS HAVE BEEN FAKED

The pictures of the Battling Nelson-Joe Gans fight, shown for the first time in this city at the New York Theater Roof last night, are somewhat of a disappointment, to put it mildly.

In the first place, they are not good clear pictures; in the second place, only twenty-six of the forty-two rounds are given—the first twenty and the last six rounds—and, what's more, the last six rounds are so unlike the rest of the fight in environment and action that there is a strong smell of cheese burning, noticeable even from the films. In plain English, we are compelled to believe that these fine six rounds are especially posed and not the real result of the battle. Goldfield the day of the fight said that the films gave out somewhere about the thirty-eighth round, and now the finish of the fight is shown in the moving pictures, and poorly shown at that.—New York Mail and Express.

G. W. U. STRENGTHENED BY SEVERAL NEW MEN

The George Washington University squad, returning from the Lehigh game for its practice yesterday evening, was swelled by the arrival of Catts and Grill, two new candidates for the team. Both are linemen, Catts formerly playing on the Baltimore Medical team. The evening Block, a big lineman, and Du Ganne, the former McKinley Manual Training School star, are expected to put in an appearance, and should strengthen the squad very materially. Both are registered in the University, but have been delayed in coming out until the present time.

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Certain Victory for White Sox—Comiskey.

That world's series ought to be easy for the White Sox. I haven't a doubt as to the outcome. My players are all as confident as I am, and the final result is giving me very little worry. The Cubs beat us last year four out of five games, but I haven't been able to figure out yet how they did it. My boys have just come out of one of the toughest pennant battles on record, and they emerged with colors flying, good game work overcoming accidents and the fierce opposition of our opponents. The Sox showed me enough of their mettle in the closing month of the League season to convince me that they will never stop fighting for the world's pennant until it is safely their own. The series ought to bring out the greatest baseball skill and genius ever displayed, but you can't tell about that. With both teams going into the struggle with full strength we'll come home in front by an easy margin. Keep your eye on the White Sox.

Charles Comiskey
President Chicago American League Club.

SPORTING COMMENT

FOOTBALL.

The new rules do not acknowledge such a rough method of play as charging. When the ball is snapped one team does not "get the charge" on the other; the players simply "move toward the restraining line." Isn't that non-brutal for you?

Cochran Stag tells his men it will be fatal to drop a forward pass. He means it would be tough luck. Anything as brutal as a fatality has been given the skidoo sign.

A number of stars have suffered injuries that will keep them out of the game for some time. They are in the hospital with a disease called "neglect of studies," which is an entirely new thing in football.

Yale used a trihammer play to cleave Wesleyan's line in her first game. It makes one shudder to think what such a play means. Of course the coaches will give it a softer name.

Michigan has a new play called "sky-line ends." This has a much nice-day ring to it that seems in keeping with the game as she is to be played.

Everybody agrees that when the forward pass works it's a beautiful play. But, like other things of great beauty, it's a rarity.

BASEBALL.

Fred Clarke has seen his last day as a Pirate all right—until next season.

It is said that Mike Lynch will not be with the Pirates next season. He will take up the study of law. He has failed in his baseball career.

President Herrmann nails as a canon the story that John Gansel has signed to act as manager and player of the Cincinnati team next season.

Billy Maloney, the Brooklyn outfielder, has been making some great plays of late. His work was especially brilliant in the series with Cincinnati.

According to advices received from Cincinnati, Fred Abbott, of the Toledo club, will be traded to the Reds for Pat Livingston.

Mike Grady, the St. Louis National League catcher, will be released, as Marshall and Noonan have him beaten out for the backstopping position.

Jimmie McAleer will not remain in St. Louis to see his boys play the fall series with the Cardinals. The world's series for him.

The Cleveland critics say the more one sees of young Birmingham, outfielder, secured from the A. J. G. club, the better he looks.

The Naps are well represented with sluggers in the 300 class, as Clark, Lajoie, Flick, and Congalton are all inside the select circle.

Rival Managers Confident.

Picking winners in baseball is a dangerous proposition. The dope goes wrong oftener than it turns out right. While I am not claiming any walk-away in the series with the Cubs, I think we'll be champions of the world when the event is over. I can't see where the Cubs have anything on us.

Fred A. Jones
Manager and Captain, Sox.

I don't care to play the post-season games through the press or in the hotel lobby. We beat the White Sox last fall in a gallop, and, as our team is much stronger now than it was last year, I don't see why we shouldn't repeat. I can tell more after the post-season series is over.

Frank Chance
Manager and Captain, Cubs.

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